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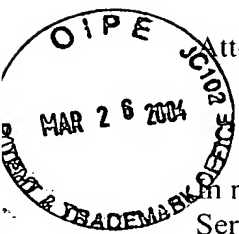
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In re: Thomas L. Deitrich

Serial No.: 10/722,198

Group Art No.: 2681

Filed: November 25, 2003

Confirmation No.: 6742

For: METHODS, NETWORKS, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR
SELECTIVELY ROUTING COMMUNICATIONS BASED ON ROUTING RULES

March 24, 2004

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As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicant hereby petitions to grant the proper filing date of November 25, 2003 rather than November 26, 2003 for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of November 25, 2003 being the correct filing date for the application, which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

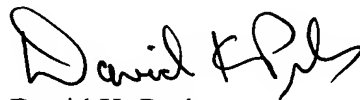
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This petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the improperly accorded filing date. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the granting of November 25, 2003 as the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10.

On the basis that Applicant properly followed the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.10 and the USPTO failed to accord the proper filing date under MPEP § 505 and thus the need to file this petition is due to error on the part of the USPTO, it is applicant's belief that no fee is due with this petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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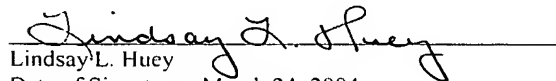


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Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

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Thomas L. Deitrich – ~~Chapel~~ Hill, North Carolina

Entitled: **METHODS, NETWORKS, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR
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6. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

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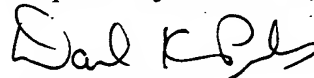
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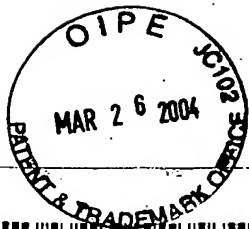
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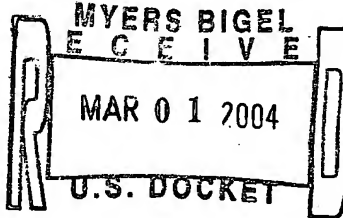
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